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Listing Identifies Hoosier Jobs Most in Demand *Posters Identify Top Growing, High Wage Occupations*

INDIANAPOLIS (April 21, 2006) -- Registered nurses, computer systems analysts and K-12 teachers are among the top occupations projected to grow strongly from 2002 through 2012, according to a new listing released today by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

The *Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs* – A listing of the jobs most “in demand” for the state of Indiana has been sent to education, workforce and economic development officials and posted in each of the department’s 26 WorkOne Centers and across the state.

“If there’s one message that can be gleaned from this information, it is that education continues to pay,” said Ron Stiver, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. “Most of these occupations require at the very least a two-year associate degree, with many others requiring a bachelor’s degree and/or professional degree.”

“We’re publishing and broadly distributing this information because we want to help steer our emerging and existing workers into the occupational areas that have the largest projected growth and better than average compensation potential,” he said. “It’s a wake-up call to give all Hoosiers a chance to prepare for the jobs and careers of the future.”

According to the department, the top 10 hot jobs are:

- 1 Registered Nurses
- 2 Teachers, Elementary and Kindergarten, including Special Education
- 3 Teachers, Secondary, including Special Education
- 4 Computer Systems Analysts
- 5 Dental Hygienists
- 6 Medical and Health Services Managers
- 7 Computer and Information Systems Managers
- 8 Police and Sheriff’s Patrol Officers
- 9 Pharmacists
- 10 Lawyers

The listing names the top jobs, their projected growth, both in terms of numbers and percentage, the average wage, education requirements and the top 3 skills required to be successful for each job.

The 50 jobs were selected based on growth factors from Indiana's Occupational Projections 2002-2012, and wage information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey produced by the department. To be selected for the list, a job had to be ranked in the top 200 in total growth (the numeric growth of new jobs) and in the top 200 in percent growth from 2002 to 2012. This list was then limited to those jobs that had a higher average wage than the state's median wage for all jobs (\$27,204), based on the November 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey.

The department has sent the *Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs* poster to the states WorkOne Centers, workforce partners, colleges and universities, education partners, and other partners to help publicize the high growth occupations. The listing is also available on the department's web site, www.in.gov/dwd.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.